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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETECTING MAIL THEFT USING ADDITIONAL MAILPIECES AS PROBES**

Enclosed are:

21 pages comprising the specification, claims, and abstract.  
7 sheets of drawing.  
A Declaration and Power of Attorney.  
A Recordation of Assignment Request with attached copy of executed Assignment of the invention to Pitney Bowes Incorporated, 1 Elmcroft Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06926-0700. (original + 1)  
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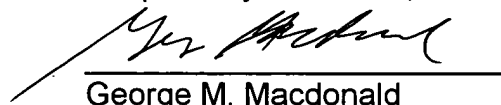
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.10, I hereby certify that the attached Patent Application consisting of 21 pages and 7 sheets of drawings; Transmittal Letter (original + 1); Return Receipt Postcard; Declaration and Power of Attorney; and Recordation of Assignment with copy of executed Assignment attached (original + 1) were deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on December 5, 2003, for delivery by Express Mail. The number of the Express Mail mailing label is EJ296320392US.

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